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1. NIGERIAN PAPERS IN FIRST WEEK OF JUNE EMPHASIZED RAMIFICATIONS OF ECOWAS, INTERNAL NIGERIAN ISSUES, TOURS TO CAMEROON AND UK BY HEAD OF STATE AND AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS OUTSIDE NIGERIA.
2. DEPENDENCE WAS ON WIRE SERVICES FOR BRIEF COVERAGE NATO MEETING, FORD TOUR, SALT AND OECD.
3. READERS OF NIGEIAN HERALD (ILORIN) JUNE 6 LEARNED EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER "ARIKPO BLASTS APARTHEID SUPPORTERS" IN FIVE COLUMN FRONT PAGE HEAD. DAILY TIME SAME DAY, SAME PLACEMENT WAS MORE SPECIFIC: "ARIKPO BLASTS WESTERN POWERS" IN SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON SOUTHWEST AFRICA. THE STORIES WERE IDENTICAL SERVICE COPY EXCEPT MINOR EDITS; BOTH QUOTED ARIKPO'S CHARGE "THE FRIENDS OF SOUTH AFRICA IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD RATHER SACRIFICE THE AUTHORITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COUNCIL THAN JEOPARDISE THE SECURITY OF THEIR INVESTMENTS IN THAT COUNTRY."
4. "OF COURSE," ADDED ARIKPO, "WE ARE AWARE OF THE SECRET DEFENCE

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LINKS BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND SOME SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS WHICH

DETER THE LATTER FROM POSITIVE ACTION AGAINST SOUTH AFRICAN INTRANSIGENCE."

5. WEEKLY TIMES INTERNATIONAL ASSAYED FUTURE OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN U.S. IN JUNE 2 EDITION. "GOODLUCK TO THE ASIAMERICANS*" READ PAGE 2 BANNER BUT PIECE BY DUPE ADEOGUN FOUND THEIR FUTURE BLEAK BECAUSE OF RESTRICTIVE LEGISLATION AND PREJUDICE:

6. "IN SPITE OF THE WAIVED IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS, THESE SETTLERS WILL STILL HAVE PROBLEMS. THERE ARE CERTAIN STATES WHERE YOU CANNOT HOLD A JOB UNLESS YOU HAVE BEEN RESIDENT FOR A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF YEARS.

7. "THERE ARE ALSO CERTAIN JOBS WHICH TRADITIONALLY ARE HELD BY AMERICANS WHO BY DEFINITION CAN BE CALLED WHITE ANGLO-SAXON PROTESTANTS. THE VIETNAMESE, LIKE THEIR BLACK AND OTHER ASIATIC PREDECESSORS WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR SUCH JOBS."

8. IN ASIA SECTION, TIMES INTERNATIONAL (PAGE 6) REVIEWED AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE AND REFUGEE DEBATES, THE LEAD: "THE SHOCK WAVES OF THE COMMUNIST VICTORY IN CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM HAVE HIT AUSTRALIA WHICH IS ANOTHER AMERICAN ALLY IN ASIA. TWO ISSUES IN PARTICULAR ARISING FROM THE DECLINE OF AMERICAN INFLUENCE IN INDOCHINA HAVE GENERATED A SERIOUS POLITICAL CONTROVERSY IN THE COUNTRY. THE FIRST PROBLEM IS THAT OF FINDING WAYS OF STRENGTHENING AUSTRALIA'S DEFENSE CAPABILITY IN THE FACE OF THE UNRELIABILITY OF AMERICA'S MILITARY SUPPORT AS DEMONSTRATED BY THE INDOCHINA DEBACLE."

9. THE CONCLUSION..."DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON FOR TALKS WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER MR. WHITLAM LEFT NO DOUBT THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD CONTINUE TO RELY ON AMERICA'S MILITARY SUPPORT. HE TOLD THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB IN WASHINGTON: 'WITH THE WAR IN VIETNAM OVER, MANY NATIONS, AND AUSTRALIA IS ONE, WILL HAVE AN EVEN GREATER CONFIDENCE IN AMERICA AS AN ALLY.' AUSTRALIA HE SAID, STILL SAW THE UNITED STATES AS HER 'LAST, BEST UNCLASSIFIED

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HOPE IN THE WORLD."

10. "THE SILENT COUP" HEADLINED THE WEEKLY'S ASSESSMENT OF LAOS (PAGE 6). "AFTER BEING PROPPED UP BY 3 BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF AMERICAN MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID FOR OVER TWO DECADES, THE GOVERNMENT OF LAOS... COLLAPSED TWO WEEKS AGO IN THE WAKE OF MOUNTING COMMUNIST PRESSURE... "THE SPONTANEOUS PLEDGES OF LOYALTY WHICH HERALD THE

ASCENDANCY OF COMMUNIST RULE IN LAOS ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATED THE FUTU
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OF THE AMERICAN STRATEGY OF CONTAINING THE SPREAD OF COMMUNISM IN IND
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CHINA THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CORRUPT GOVERNMENTS... THE COMMUNI
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VICTORY IN LAOS IS AS GOOD AS COMPLETE. THE COMMUNISTS DON'T REALLY
HAVE TO ASSUME POWER FORMALLY SINCE THEY CAN EFFECTIVELY CONTROL THE
GOVERNMENT EFEN BEHIND THE FACADE OF A "'COALITION' GOVERNMENT."

1. MAJOR STORY (PAGE 1) OF RENAISSANCE JUNE 4 WAS BASED ON INTERVIEW
WITH OTMAR EMMINGER, "WEST GERMANY'S GREATEST EXPERT ON INTERNATIONAL
CURRENCY PROBLEMS" IN GERMAN INTERNATIONAL. "BLEAK FUTURE PREDICTED
FOR OPEC " WAS HEADLINE FOR THE SUMMARY IN WHICH EMMINGER
PREDICTED BILLIONS OF OIL MONEY DISAPPEAR BY 1980.
ACCOMPANYING EDITORIAL COLUMN (PAGE 3) OPINED "WE HAVE
HEARD SUCH TERMS AS 'ANOTHER SOURCE OF ENERGY' SOFTLY WHISPERED
INTO OUR EARS. THESE SAME COUNTRIES THAT FRIGHTEN US WITH THIS
'ALTERNATIVE SOURCE' SPEND MILLIONS OF MONEY IMPORTING AND CONSERVING
IN GIANT DUMPS THE SAME OIL THAT IS GOING TO LOSE ITS VALUE....

12. "EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT ESPECIALLY TO OUR LIKING TO ENDORSE AT
ITS FACE VALUE THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY DR. EMMINGER WE ARE NOT
DISMISSING THEM ENTIRELY AS THE EMPTY RAVINGS OF YET ANOTHER CAPITA-
LIST BLACKMAILER.

13. "IN SUM TOTAL, WHAT DR. EMMINGER SAID IS THAT WE ARE NOT MAKING
PROPER USE OF OUR OIL MONEY.. HE WAS STRIKING AT THE BASE OF THE MYTH
THAT OIL IN INEXHAUSTIBLE AND SOUNDING A WARNING TO OIL PRODUCING
COUNTRIES TO INVEST THEIR MONEY ON LONG-TERN PRODUCTIVE AND PROFIT-
YIELDING VENTURES RATHER SQUANDER IT ON FRUITLESS CONSUMPTION.
ON THIS WE AGREE..."

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